

35. Policy for the Documentation of Barriers for Youth Programs

For Youth eligibility purposes, youth must meet the definition of at least one of the following categories:

- Offender*
- Homeless*
- Foster Child*
- Runaway Youth*
- Deficient in Basic Literacy Skills
- Requires additional assistance to complete school (Includes youth with disabilities and includes assistance to secure and hold employment)*
- Age 20 or younger and either Pregnant or Supporting one or more children
- School Dropout*

In addition, Data Validation requires documentation of the following additional Youth Barriers:

- Mental or Physical Disability

Procedure: Youth Contractors are encouraged to identify as many barriers as exist for each applicant. Documentation options for barriers are specifically identified in Policy 14.8. Contractors must document one barrier for eligibility to be established. The barrier chosen to meet the eligibility test will be documented with documentation other than a Self-Certification. For all additional barriers contractors are permitted to use Self Certification when permitted (These barriers are identified with an asterisk).

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